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## I Am Navy Medicine: HM2 Rose Webber

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Lemoore, CA – HM2 Rose Webber counsels a patient on how to take her medications.  
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As a pharmacy technician working in Naval Hospital Lemoore (NHL), I am committed in providing exceptional care to our military beneficiaries. Patient safety and excellent customer service are always our priorities. Whether it's compounding medications, counting pills, or counseling patients about their drugs, the pharmacists and I are always here to provide quality care to our hospital staff and patients. As a senior technician, I also mentor our junior sailors so they can do their job well, and be ready to deploy in support of our mission.



Lemoore, CA – HM2  
Rose Webber  
conducts the daily  
maintenance on the  
automated dispensing  
machine in NH  
Lemoore pharmacy.

After graduating pharmacy technician school, I was fully immersed in the inpatient and outpatient pharmacies of Naval Hospital Bremerton and Naval Hospital Okinawa where I learned the fundamentals of my job as a technician. I mixed intravenous medications, calculated doses, counseled patients, and managed narcotics. As the current Assistant Leading Petty Officer in the pharmacy department in Naval Hospital Lemoore, I also handle administrative responsibilities and provide leadership to the diverse workforce that deliver pharmacy services in the Navy's largest Master Jet Base.

Last year, I deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan where I led the team that provided pharmacy services to the 16,000 coalition forces. In addition to pharmacy dispensing, we conducted clinic inspections, managed the pharmacy supply, and maintained anesthesia boxes for surgical procedures. While deployed, I also became a member of the Auxiliary Security Force and a member of the color guard team.



Lemoore, CA – HM2  
Webber counts  
narcotics in Naval  
Hospital Lemoore  
pharmacy.

My husband passed away from a tragic car accident while I was deployed to Afghanistan. It was devastating especially being in a remote location several thousand miles away, but his memories and the resiliency I learned in the military helped me get back on my feet. He inspired me to be the best that I

could be. I'm currently one class away to finishing my degree, and I also recently received the HM3 Geovanni Padilla Award, an award provided annually to a technician who provided operational support. I also recently became an avid golfer and was selected to represent the West Hills College in golf competitions. Even though he is no longer with me, golf is one of the many reasons that bring me close to him, even only in spirit. Hopefully, I would be an inspiration for other people who have lost their loved ones, and show them that there is hope to become better and stronger even after a tragedy.

The best part about Navy Medicine is the opportunity to see the world. After being in different duty stations, I found that there is so much to discover, like the different scenery, the diverse cultures, and interesting people. Although moving is oftentimes difficult, I have always found a home away from home in my different duty stations.

If I had to sum up my experience, I would say, "Coming from a rural province in the Philippines, Navy Medicine provided endless opportunities so I could continue to better myself, inspire my shipmates and provide care to patients."

I'm HM2 Rose Webber. I am Navy Medicine.

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